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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PSs -School Education- Sri Josyula Srinivas, HM, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda, West Godavari District - Trapped on 22.10.2020 - Departmental Proceedings under rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge - Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (VIG) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No.02 **Dated:02.01.2024.**

ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Josyula Srinivas, HM, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda, West Godavari District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in A.P. Civil Service (CCA) Rules 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-1). A Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of each articles of Charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed. (Annexure III & IV).

3. Sri Josyula Srinivas, HM, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda, West Godavari District, is directed to submit a written statement of his defence within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri Josyula Srinivas, HM, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda, West Godavari District, is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. He should therefore specifically admit or deny each of Articles of Charge.

5. Sri Josyula Srinivas, HM, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda, West Godavari District, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense within the stipulated period, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Sri Josyula Srinivas, HM, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda, West Godavari District, is invited to rule 24 of the AP Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on those behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of A.P. Civil Service (conduct) rules 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PRAVEEN PRAKASH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Josyula Srinivas, HM, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda, West Godavari District through the Commissioner of School Education, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of School Education, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam,Vijayawada (with a request to serve the orders on the individual and furnish served copy to the Govt., immediately).
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI JOSYULA SRINIVAS, HEADMASTER, ZAMINDER NOOLI VENKATA RATNAM AIDED HIGH SCHOOL PENUGONDA VILLAGE AMANDAL, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT IN CR.NO.5/RCT-EWG/2020 OF ACB, ELURU RANGE, ELURU

That Sri Josyula Srinivas, S/o. Ramam, 58years. Head Master joined in Government Service as Second Grade Teacher, Zamindar Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda Village Mandal of West Godavari District and has been worked from 07.07.1987 to 22.10.2020 (till the date of trap). While working as such during the aforesaid period, he committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:

That the Government Servant in abuse of his official position demanded and accepted a bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from the complainant of Sri Nooli Surya Prakash, S/o. Venkata Kanka Sambhayya, 46 years, Penugonda Village and Mandal, West Godavari District on 22.10.2020 as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration as a motive for process the application of the complainant for a duplicate SSC Certificate and to issue duplicate SSC certificate to him.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Josyula Srinivas, S/o. Ramam, 58 years formerly Head Master, Zamindar Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda Village Mandal of West Godavari District by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited a lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of service and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF CHARGE ON CORRUPTION ALLEGATION FRAMED AGAINST SRIJOSYULA SRINIVAS, HEAD MASTER, ZAMINDER NOOLI VENKATA RATNAM AIDED HIGH SCHOOL, PENUGONDA VILLAGE &MANDAL, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT IN CR.NO.5/RCT-EWG/2020 OF ACB, ELURU RANGE, ELURU

That Sri Josyula Srinivas, S/o. Ramam, 58 years, Head Master, Zamindar Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda Village Mandal of West Godavari District joined in the Government Service as Secondary Grade Teacher on 07.07.1987 and worked at ZNVR Aided High School, Penugonda, W.G.District up to till date of Trap on 22.10.2020 during this period he was received two promotions as School Assistant on 21.02.1989, later he was promoted as Head Master on 23.08.2017 and worked up to 22.10.2020 (till the date of trap). He was placed under suspension vide Proceedings Rc.No.80/2020, Dt.23.10.2020 of Special Officer cum Deputy Educational Officer, Tanuku. He is drawing a basic pay of Rs. 80,930/- in the TSP Rs.35, 120/- to 87,130/-. His date of birth is 01.12.1964. His date of retirement on attaining the age of superannuation is 30.11.2026. He is hereinafter referred to as Charged Government Servant.

CHARGE :

That the Government Servant demanded and accepted a bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from the complainant of Sri Nooli Surya Prakash, S/o. Venkata Kanka Sambhayya, 46 years, Penugonda Village and Mandal, West Godavari District on 22.10.2020 to process the application of the complainant for a duplicate SSC Certificate and to issue duplicate SSC certificate to him.

FACTS & EVIDENCE:

That on 21.10.2020 at 08:00 hrs. Sri Nooli Surya Prakash (De-facto Complainant), S/o. Venkata Kanka Sambhayya, 46 years, Penugonda Village and Mandal, West Godavari District came to the O/o DSP, ACB, Eluru and presented a written complaint along with two pen drives containing the Video/Audio conversation of the Complainant, CGS and other master, the complainant recorded Video/Audio conversation of the Government Servant and other master in his mobile phone on 20.10.2020 stating that the Government Servant, Sri Josyula Srinivas, Head Master, Zamindar Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda Village Mandal of West Godavari District demanded him to pay a bribe amount of Rs. 10,000/- for doing an Official favour i.e.,to process the application of the complainant for a duplicate SSC Certificate and to issue duplicate SSC certificate to complainant.

That after observing all legal formalities, the DSP, ACB, Eluru Range registered the Complaint as a case in Cr.No.05/RCT-EWG/2020 U/s. 7 (a) of P.C. Act, 2018 of ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru on 22.10.2020 at 06.30 hours and took up investigation.

On 22.10.2020 at 18.30 hours the Charged Government Servant was trapped in Cr. No. 5/RCT-EWG/2020 of ACB, Eluru Range at his office, ZNVR High School, Penugonda, West Godavari District when he further demanded and accepted a bribe amount of Rs. 10,000/- from the complainant Sri Nooli Surya Prakash (Defacto Complainant), S/o. Venkata Kanka Sambhayya, 46 years, Penugonda Village and Mandal, West Godavari District for doing an official favour i.e., to process the application of the complainant for a duplicate SSC Certificate and to issue duplicate SSC certificate to complainant.

During the Post-Trap Proceedings, the DSP organized the chemical test to both hand fingers of the AO yielded positive results. On questioning about the bribe amount, the A.O. took out the bribe amount from his office front side drawer. The mediators took the currency notes from the Head Master, counted the same and found Rs. 10,000/- in total and compared the numbers and the denominations of the currency notes which were already noted in the pre-trap proceedings and found

them tallied. The chemical test was conducted on the surface of the front-side drawer with a cotton swab. On doing so, the colourless solution changed into pink colour. The DSP seized the said currency notes of Rs. 10,000/- and 3 bottles containing the chemical washes.

During the course of investigation, the statements of the complainant was recorded U/Sec 161 Cr.P.C by the Investigation Officer (IO) and U/Sec 164 Cr.P.C by the Special Judicial Magistrate of First class (Excise) Cum-IV Additional Junior Civil Judge, Eluru, on 12.11.2020. In both the 161 Cr.P.C and 164 Cr.P.C statements the complainant corroborated the contents of the complaint in all material facts.

During the post-trap proceedings, in the presence of the mediators the DSP, ACB asked AO about the bribe amount given by the complainant, then the AO voluntarily stated that on 22.10.2020 at about 11.20 hrs, when he was present in the office the complainant Sri Nuli Surya Prakash came to him and wished him and asked about his work Then he told him that his application was being processed to get duplicate SSC certificate. Then the said Nuli Surya Prakash offered some amount by saying that it was Rs. 10,000/-. He received the amount with his right hand, counted with both hands and kept in the front-side drawer of his office wooden table. Later, the said Nuli Surya Prakash went out. Within a short while the ACB officials rushed there and surrounded him. He further stated that the amount of Rs.10,000/- received by him from the complainant as formalities as the complainant was his student earlier. When the DSP confronted the version of the complainant with the version of the AO, the AO did not state anything and kept silent.

During the post-trap proceedings, on the request of the DSP regarding official favour file, the AO produced the bunch of papers from hand bag available on his office table. On perusal of the papers, it was noticed that it was containing 4 sheets. Sheet No.1 was request letter of the complainant, sheet No.2 was Original Police certificate, sheet No.3 was a copy of SSC certificate of the complainant and sheet No.4 was a copy of Police certificate. The DSP seized the above papers duly signed by the mediators and the DSP.

During post-trap proceedings and investigation I.O. examined Sri Guttina Srinivasa Rao, School Assistant (Physical Science), ZNVR High School, Penugonda, he stated that he had been working as School Assistant (Physical Science), ZNVR High School, Penugonda since 26.10.1994. Previously, Sri Nuli Venkata Soma Raju had worked as Secretary & Correspondent to ZNVR High school. He was removed as Secretary & Correspondent in the year 2013. Later, Dy. Educational officer, Tanuku was acting as Special Officer to ZNVR High school. No instructions were received from Special Officer or District Educational Officer to collect any donations for development of school building and etc. On 22.10.2020 at about 09.35 hours he came to the room of Headmaster, and he sat in the chair on the right side of the Headmaster from 11.00 hours. He waited there for issuing Jagananna Vidya Kanuka Kits to the students. After 20minutes, Sri Nuli Surya Prakash came to the room of the headmaster and wished the headmaster. Then Headmaster offered a chair to him and he sat on the chair before the headmaster. Then Headmaster asked him whether he brought the demanded bribe or not? Then he took Rs. 10,000/- from his shirt pocket and paid the amount to the Headmaster with his right hand. The Headmaster, Sri Josyula Srinivas received the amount with his right hand, counted with both hands and kept the same in the front-side drawer of his office table. Then the Headmaster told him that he would process the application of the complainant to get duplicate SSC certificate and then he went out and etc. facts.

During the post-trap proceedings, the DSP examined 1.Sri Josyula Sri Rama Prakasam, S/o Aswadha Venkata Subrahamanya Mrutyunjaya Surya Prakasa Rao, 56 years, School Assistant (Social Studies), 2.Sri Chopperla Lalitha Kumari, W/o Nalam Venkata Ramaiah, 60 years, School Assistant (Hindi), 3.Smt. Tammera Vishalakshi, W/o Josyula Srinivas, 56 years, C/Brahmin, Secondary Grade Teacher (English) all are working at ZNVR, High School, Penugonda. On examination, they categorically stated that at the time of the trap they were present in the teacher's waiting room as no classes were running due to Covid-19. No instructions were

received from the District Educational Officer or Special Officer to collect any donations from the donors for the development of the school building and they were not collecting any donations for the development of the school building. Later, they came to know that Sri Josyula Srinivas, Headmaster was caught red-handed when he further demanded and accepted bribe of Rs. 10,000/- from the complainant to process the application of the complainant to get a duplicate SSC certificate and etc. facts.

While the proceedings were in progress at about 14.30 hrs., Mandal Educational Officer, Penugonda came to the room of Headmaster, ZNVR High School, Penugonda. Then DSP ascertained the name and address of the Mandal Educational Officer, Penugonda as Smt.Bidla Sarada Jyosthna, W/o Matti Leelambaradhara Narendra, 45 years, R/o D. No.2-16-32/B2, Iragavaram Road, Tanuku and explained the trap laid against the Headmaster, Sri Josyula Srinivas. Further on enquiry and examination, she stated that she had been working as Mandal Educational Officer, Penumantra since, 09.02.2017 and she was also holding FAC charge as Mandal Educational Officer, Penugonda since 01.10.2019. ZNVR High school was an aided school. The Deputy Educational Officer, Tanuku was acting as Special Officer as previous Secretary & Correspondent Sri Nuli Venkata Soma Raju was removed by the Government in the year 2013 as Secretary & Correspondent. There were no orders from the District Educational Officer or from Special Officer to collect any donations for the development of school buildings and no such practice was going on in the district. The Headmaster. should not collect any donations without orders of the Special Officer or District Educational Officer. If any student lost SSC certificate, he shall submit application along with Police certificate and etc to concerned school Headmaster. Then concerned school Headmaster would verify the school records and forward to SSC board for duplicate certificate. After receipt of duplicate SSC certificate from the SSC board, the concerned school Headmaster would hand over to the student after obtaining acknowledgement. On further examination, he further stated that on 20.10.2020when the AO demanded a bribe of Rs. 10,000/- for issuing a Duplicate S.S.C Certificate to the complainant, at that time, he was also present there and he heard the same. By mistake, he did not state the same to the DSP, ACB when the DSP examined him, i.e., at the time post-trap proceedings and etc., facts.

During the course of the investigation Mandal Educational Officer, Penumantra stated about the procedure if any student lost an SSC certificate, he shall submit an application along with a Police certificate and etc to the concerned school Headmaster. Then the concerned school Headmaster verify the school records and forward the same to SSC board for a duplicate certificate. After receipt of a duplicate SSC certificate from the SSC board, the concerned school Headmaster would hand over to the student after obtaining acknowledgement and she further stated that there were no orders from the District Educational Officer or from the Special Officer to collect any donations for the development of school buildings and no such practice was going on in the district. The Headmaster should not collect any donations without orders from the Special Officer or District Educational Officer and COS was on duty on 22.10.2020.

The complainant recorded the voice conversation between the complainant and the Accused Officer on 20.10.2020 when the Accused Officer was demanding a bribe. During the course of the investigation in the mediators, the 10 transcript the Voice Conversation of the CGS complainant and the third person,

During the pre-trap proceedings, the mediators played the Pen drive on the DSP office Desktop computer. Both the mediators heard the conversation between the A.O, complainant and the third person Le., (Sri Guttina Srinivasa Rao) which was available in the Pen drive and reduced it into writing. The relevant portion of the transcript of the voice conversation between the A.O complainant and the third person regarding the demand of bribe amount from the complainant is as follows.

ఫిర్యాది	ఇదండీ కాపీ..... గమ్మున దగ్గరెట్టుకుంటానుమాష్టారు ఏమౌతాదీ?
ముద్దాయి	నువ్వు 10th క్లాసు సర్టిఫికేట్ ఇవ్వాలి నాకు, లేతే అవదు.

ఫిర్యాది	నేను ఇచ్చినాకే ప్రాసెస్సు మొదలెట్టండి ఏం డి బాబూ.. గురువుగారూ..... ? ఎప్పుడండీ... 2వ తారీఖు నుండా అండీ స్కూల్సు?
3rd Person	అంటున్నారు మరి, మరేమౌతాదో?
ఫిర్యాది	భగవంతునిదయవల్ల అన్నీ హిప్పీ గా జరిగిపోతేనండీ..!
3rd Person	Duplicate Certificate was to be made prescribed Proforma
ఫిర్యాది	డేట్ ఎయ్యండే బాబూ! ఏయ్ ఒకసారి! కనుక్కోండి మాష్టారు.... ఏ.....
3rd Person	నేను కనుక్కుంటాను.
ఫిర్యాది	మాస్టారూఅది ..... 20 సరిపోయాయి. అది 20 వేలు సరిపోయింది కదా? ఇప్పుడిదీ
ముద్దాయి	10వేలు
ఫిర్యాది	10వేలు ఎప్పుడుకండీ?
ముద్దాయి	ఊఇప్పుడు... నేను వెళ్ళిపోతాను, నేను వెళ్ళిపోతాను ఇపుడు
ఫిర్యాది	నేను ఇపుడు రాజమండ్రి వెళ్తనాను.
ముద్దాయి	"అదీ, నువ్వు ఎళ్ళిరా రేపు..... రా
ఫిర్యాది	రేపు అది ఏమైనా అవకాశం ఉంటదిండీఏమైనా, తగ్గుతాదా? లేతే?
ముద్దాయి	ఏంటి ?డబ్బా.. ? పదివేలా?
ఫిర్యాది	ఇప్పటికే ఏకంగా 20 వేలు అయినయి. మళ్ళీ ఇదొకటిమొత్తం 30 అయిపోతున్నాయి కదండి?
ముద్దాయి	అదే ఈ సారి కొంచం చూసి ఇవ్వు
ఫిర్యాది	ఇప్పుడైతే ఏం చేయమంటారు?
ముద్దాయి	ఓ పది వేలు ఇవ్వు.
ఫిర్యాది	ఎప్పుడు?
ముద్దాయి	రేపు
ఫిర్యాది	సరేలేండి అదే... .. ఊ..... అవకాశం ఉంటే చుడండి? ఏండీ ..... అంతే.....
3rd Person	హలో, ఆ ఏంటి..వద్దమ్మా వెళ్ళు?
ఫిర్యాది	ఎళ్లోస్తాను పార్.
ముద్దాయి	వెళ్లి రా
ఫిర్యాది	అయ్యి బాబోయ్
ముద్దాయి	రేపు రా మర్చిపోకండి మరి....
ఫిర్యాది	ఆయ్
ముద్దాయి	10th క్లాసు గుర్తు పెట్టుకుని ఇవ్వు.
ఫిర్యాది	అలాగే సాయంత్రం, ఇచ్చేస్తానండి అది.
ముద్దాయి	ఊ....

The above conversation clearly established the motive of the AO in demanding the bribe of Rs. 10,000/- from the complainant.

During the course of investigation, the 10 secured Sri A. V. Ramana Murthy, Gazetted Head Master, ZPP High School, Cherukuwada, Penugonda Mandal, W.G.Dist. and examined him. On examination he stated that the ZNVR High School, Penugonda, W.G. District was merged into ZPP High School, Cherukuwada, Penugonda Mandal and earlier school records of the said school were handed over to his school. As per available records of ZNVR High School, Penugonda from his

office and confirmed the same through his Lr.No.20/SSC/ZNVR/2022/1, Dated: 24.11.2022 that the then HM, ZNVR High School, Penugonda, addressed a letter to the Additional Joint Secretary to the Director of Government Exams, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada regarding provide of duplicate SSC certificate of Sri N.Surya Prakash and its Roll No.225328/ March-1990, Sl.No.PP818785 through his letter Re No. 15/SSC/ 2020-21, dated: 21.11.2020 (After the date of trap). Accordingly, the Additional Joint Secretary to the Director of Government Exams, AP, Vijayawada sent a duplicate SSC Certificate of Sri N. Surya Prakash to the HM, ZNVR High School, Penugonda along with covering letter Rc.No. 77/D10-01/2020, dated: 18.12.2020. After receipt of the duplicate SSC certificate of Sri N.Surya Prakash, the then HM, ZNVR High School, Penugonda handed over the same to Sri N.Surya Prakash on 04.1.2021 under proper acknowledgement. He furnished attested copies of the duplicate SSC certificate of Sri N.Surya Prakash and a letter of the Addl.Joint Secretary of the Director of Government Exams to the 10 along with letter while he was examined and etc. facts.

This indicates that the official favour was pending with AO as on the date of trap and it is completed after the date of trap.

Hence the Charge against the Government Servant that he demanded and accepted a bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from the Complainant for doing Official favour is held substantiated.

As the Government Servant received the bribe amount from the complainant on the date of the trap, he violated Rules 3(1) and (2) of APCS Conduct Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above-mentioned acts exhibited a lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and thereby rendered himself liable for regular departmental enquiry for a major penalty U/R 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

1. Copy of F.I.R. Cr.No.5/RCT-EWG/2020 dated 21.10.2020 U/s 7 (a) of P.C. (Amendment) Act, 2018 of ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru.
2. Copy of Mediators Report-I drafted in Cr.No.5/RCT-EWG/2020of ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru22.10.2020.
3. Copy of Mediators Report-II drafted in Cr.No.5/RCT-EWG/2020of ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru on 22.10.2020.
4. Made-up file-1 seized from the AO at the time of trap.
5. Teacher's Attendance Register Z.N.V.R High School (Aided) Penugonda.
6. Rough Sketch of Scene of Offence in Cr.No.5/RCT-EWG/2020 of ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru, dated: 22.10.2020.
7. Copy of 164 Cr.P.C. Statement of the complainant (LW-1), dated: 12.11.2020.
8. Copy of Sec. 161 Cr.P.C. statements of LWs-1 to 3, 6,7,10, 11 noted in the list of witnesses.
9. Attested copy of the study certificate of the complainant.
10. Lr.No.20/SSC/ZNVR/2022/1, Dated:24.11.2022 of the Gezetted Head Master, ZPP High School, Cherukuwada, Penugonda Mandal, WG. District.
11. Any other documents may be produced during the course of conducting departmental enquiry.

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ANNEXURE - IV

LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. **Sri Nuli Surya Prakash, S/o. VenkataSambaiah, 46 years, D.No. 1- 31, Main Road, Penugonda Village and Mandal, West Godavari District:**

He was the complainant and speaks about the contents of his complaint dated 21.10.2020 submitted to the DSP, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru. He also speaks about the contents of Mediators' Report-I & II dated 22.10.2020 to the extent concerning him. The statement of the complainant was recorded u/s. 164 Cr. P.C by the Special Judicial Magistrate of First class (Excise) Cum-IV Additional Junior Civil Judge, Eluru, on 12.11.2020 and he deposed reiterating the contents of the complaint and his participation in pre-trap and post-trap proceedings and etc., facts.

On further examination, the complainant stated that on 20.10.2020, the AO demanded a bribe of Rs. 10,000/- for issuing a Duplicate S.S.C Certificate, he recorded the same i.e., the audio/video conversation happened between the AO, complainant and third person i.e., Sri Guttina Srinivasa Rao, School Assistant (Physical Science), ZNVR High School, Penugonda was also present there By mistake, he did not mention that Sri Guttina Srinivasa Rao was also present at the time of demanding money by AO in the complaint which was given to the DSP, ACB as well as he did not state at the time of trap and before the Magistrate and etc., facts,

2. **Sri Guttina Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha Sastry, 53 years, School Assistant (Physical Sciences), ZNVR High School, Penugonda:**

On examination, he stated that he had been working as SA (Physical Sciences), ZNVR High School, Penugonda since 26.10.1994. On 22.10.2020 at about 09.35 hrs he went to the room of A.O, and from 11.00 hours onwards he sat in the chair on the right side of the A.O for issuing Jagananna Vidhya Kanuka Kits to the students After 20 minutes, the complainant came to the room of the Headmaster and he wished the A.O. The A.O demanded no and accepted a bribe amount of Rs. 10,000/- from the complainant to process the application of the complainant for a duplicate SSC Certificate and to issue duplicate SSC certificate to him and post trap proceedings and etc. facts.

On further examination, he stated that on 20.10.2020 when the AO demanded a bribe of Rs.10,000/- for issuing a Duplicate S.S.C Certificate to the complainant, at that time, he was also present there and he heard the same. By mistake, he did not state the same to the DSP, ACB when the DSP examined him, ie, at the time post-trap proceedings etc., facts

3. **Sri Josyula Sri Rama Prakasam, S/o.Aswadha Venkata Subrahamanya Mrutyunjaya Surya Prakash Rao, 56 years, School Assistant (Social Studies), ZNVR, High School, Penugonda:**

On examination, he stated that he had been working as SA (Social Studies) since 26.10.1994. No instructions were received from the District Educational Officer or Special Officer to collect any donations from the donors for the development of the school building and they were not collecting any donations for the development of the school building At the time of the trap, he was present in the school, but no classes were running due to COVID-19. Late, he came to know that AO was caught red-handed when he further demanded and accepted a bribe of Rs.10,000/- from the complainant to process the application of the complainant to get a duplicate SSC Certificate and etc., facts.

On further examination, he stated that, after the trap of AO, he took charge as Head Master of ZNVR High School, Penugonda, on the request of Inspector of Police, ACB, as in-charge Head Master on 21.04.2022 he gave a true copy of the Study Certificate of Sri Nuli Surya Prakash was issued by the AO on 08.10.2020. He

further stated that after trapping the AO, he processed the application of the complainant Sri Nuli Surya Prakash through his letter Re No.15/SSC/2020-21, dated: 21.11.2020. Accordingly, the Additional Joint Secretary to the Director of Government Exams, AP, Vijayawada sent a duplicate SSC Certificate of Sri N. Surya Prakash to the HM, ZNVR High School, Penugonda along with covering letter Re.No.77/D10- 01/2022, dated: 18.12.2022. After receipt of the duplicate SSC certificate of Sri N.Surya Prakash, he handed over the same to Sri N. Surya Prakash on 04.1.2021 under proper acknowledgement. Later the school records were hand over to the Head Master, ZPPH School Cherulouzwada Village, Penuganda Mandal since the school was merged and etc., facts.

4. Smt.Bidla Sarada Jyosthna, w/o Matti Leelambaradhara Narendra, 45 years, R/o D.No.2-16-32/82, Iragavaram Road, Tanuku:

On examination, she stated that she had been working as Mandal Educational Officer, Pentumantra since, 09.02.2017 and she was also holding FAC charge as Mandal Educational Officer, Penugonda since 01.10.2019. ZNVR High school was an aided school. The Deputy Educational Officer, Tanuku was removed by the Government in the year 2013 as Secretary & Correspondent. There were no orders from the District Educational Officer or from the Special Officer to collect any donations for the development of school buildings and no such practice was going on in the district. The Headmaster should not collect any donations without orders from the Special Officer or District Educational Officer. If any student lost an SSC certificate, he shall submit an application along with a Police Certificate and etc. to the concerned school Head Master. Then the concerned school Head Maser verify the school records and forward the same to SSC board for a duplicate certificate. After receipt of a duplicate SSC certificate from the student after obtaining acknowledgment. Total 9 teaching and 5 non-teaching staff was working in ZNVR High School, Penugonda. On verification of Attendance Register, it was noticed that the register was being maintained in the printed pro forma register. She further stated that the procedural aspects regarding the issue of a duplicate SSC certificate, her participation in post-trap proceedings occurred on 22.10.2020 at ZNVR High School, Penugonda and etc., facts.

5. Smt. Chennamsetty Venkata Renuka, W/o. K. Venkatesh, 50 years, District Education Officer, W.G. Dist:

On examination, she stated that she had been working as District Education Officer, W.G. District, since 09.12.2017. The properties of ZNVR High School, Penugonda, i.e. play ground, class rooms and etc., all belong to the private management. The Government paid the salaries to the teachers due to the school was an aided school. The School building maintenance and infrastructure would be provided by the management only. The Head master and remaining teachers, who were taking a salary from the Government, were not responsible to look after the building maintenance and provide the infrastructure to the school. The Deputy Education Officer, Tanuku was acting as Special Officer as previous Secretary & Correspondent Sri Nuli Venkata Soma Raju was removed by the Government in the year 2013 as Secretary & Correspondent. She had been holding an additional charge as Special Educational Officer, Tanuku since 20.06.2020 because the post was vacant. As a Special Officer or the District Educational Officer she did not give any orders to collect any orders to collect any donations from the donors for the purpose of the development of school buildings and no such practice was going on in the district. Without orders of the Special Officer, Tanuku or the District Educational Officer Headmaster would not collect the amounts from the donors. If any student lost an SSC certificate, he shall submit an application along with a Police Certificate and etc to the concerned school Head Master. Then the concerned school Head Master would verify the school records and forward the same to SSC board for a duplicate certificate. After receipt of a duplicate SSC certificate from the SSC board, the concerned school Headmaster would hand over to the student after obtaining acknowledgment. Total 9 teaching and 5 non-teaching staff members were working in ZNVR high school and all were receiving salaries through Treasury as all posts were aided posts. 3 non-teaching staff members were working in other schools on deputation. Then she produced the attendance Register of ZNVR High School, Penugonda. She came to know that Sri Josyula Srinivas, Head Master,

ZNVR High School, Penugonda was trapped by ACB officials, Eluru while the Head Master (AO) further demanded and accepted bribe of Rs. 10,000/- from the complainant to process the application of the complainant to get a duplicate SSC certificate and etc., facts.

6. BavisettiSatti Pandu, S/o. Lat e Vishnu Murthy, 61 years, Retd. Jr. Asst. O/o. ZNVR Aided High School, Penugonda R/o. D.No. 4-50, SVG ZP High School Road, Neggipudi (V), Penumantra Mandal, W.G.Dist:

On examination, he stated that he worked as Jr. Assistant in ZNVR Aided High School, Penugonda from 1983 to 31.11.2020 and retired from the service as a Jr. Assistant on 30.11.2020. One Sri Nuli Surya Prakash studied from 8th class to 10th class in the year 1990. He stated that Sri Nuli Surya Prakash lost his study certificate and he applied for an application to Headmaster to verify his records and issue a study certificate. On that, the Headmaster endorsed an application to him and instructed to put up the file. On that, he verified the records on 08.10.2020 and prepared study certificate and made a counter signature on the certificate and placed the file before the Head Master. On the next day i.e., on 09.10.2020 the Headmaster issued the study certificate to Sri Nuli Surya Prakash and took the acknowledgement. The Headmaster did not give the application of the Sri Nuli Surya Prakash to him and kept with him. He did not know what had happened between the Nuli Surya Prakash and Headmaster. On 22.10.2020 he did not attend the School due to COVID-19. Later he came to know that the Head Master Josyula Srinivas was caught red-handed by the ACB, Eluru officials while he demanded and accepted bribe an amount of Rs. 10,000/- from the complainant Nuli Surya Prakash etc, facts.

7. Sri Animalla Venkata Ramana Murthy, S/o. Venkata Subba Rao, Age: 59 years, Gazetted Head Master, ZPP High School, Cherukuwada, Penugonda Mandal, W.G.District:

On examination, he stated that he has been working as Head Master of ZPP HS, Cherukuwada since July, 2019.The ZNVR High School, Penugonda, W.G. District was merged into ZPP High School, Cherukuwada, Penugonda Mandal in the month of November, 2021 and earlier school records of the said school were handed over to his school. As per available records of ZNVR High School, Penugonda from his office and confirmed the same through his Lr.No.20/SSC/ZNVR/2022/1, Dated:24.11.2022 that the then HM, ZNVR High School, Penugonda, addressed a letter to the Additional Joint Secretary to the Director of Government Exams, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada regarding provide of duplicate SSC certificate of Sri N. Surya Prakash and its Roll No.225328/ March-1990, Sl. No. PP818785 through his letter No.15/SSC/2020-21, dated: 21.11.2020. Accordingly, the Addl. Joint Secretary to the Director of Government Exams., AP, Vijayawada sent a duplicate, SSC Certificate of Sri N.Surya Prakash to the HM,ZMVR High School, Penugoda along with covering letter in RCNo.77/D10-01/2020 dated 18.12.2020. After receipt of the duplicate SSC certificate of Sri N. Surya Prakash, the then HM,ZMVR High School, Penugoda was handedover to the same to Sri N. Surya Prakash on 04.01.2021 under proper acknowledgment. He provided attested copies of the duplicate SSC certificate of Sri N. Surya Prakash and a letter of the Addl. Joint Secretary of the Director of Government Exams to the 10 along with letter while he was examined and etc., facts.

8. Sri Gadde Suresh, S/o. Papaiah, A/46 Years, Deputy Assistant Commissioner-2, 0/o. Asst. Commissioner (GST), Tanuku, R/o. near NGO's Home, Tanuku, West Godavari District:

He was the 1st Mediator and he speaks about the contents of Pre- Trap and Post-Trap Proceedings dated 22.10.2020 and etc., facts.

9. Sri Patagolusu Chiranjeevi Babu, S/o. (Late) Divakara Rao, A/42 Years, Sr.Asst., O/o. Deputy Asst., Commissioner (GST), Tanuku-2, R/o. D.No. 2-7-9, 11th Ward, Ambati Vari Street, Old Town, Tanuku, West Godavari District:

He was the 2nd Mediator and he speaks about the contents of Pre-Trap and Post-Trap Proceedings dated 22.10.2020 and etc., facts.

10. Sri. S.Venkateswara Rao, formerly Deputy Supdt. of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Eluru Range, Eluru, West Godavari District.

He speaks to the facts of receiving the Complaint dtd. 21.10.2020 from the Complainant along with the two pen drives containing the Conversations of the Complainant, CGS and third person in his pendrive, verifying the genuineness of the contents of the said Compliant.. registration of a case in Cr.No. 05/RCT-RJY/2020 of ACB, Eluru Range., laying trap against Sri Josyula Srinivas, the Government Servant., the developments have taken place during the Pre and Post Trap Proceedings., arrest of the Government Servant., and etc.

11. Sri. M.Raveendra, formerly Inspector of Police, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru, West Godavari District.

He speaks about the investigation conducted by him into this case by examining all relevant witnesses and collecting all relevant documents and etc.

12. **Sri K. Yesu Babu, Inspector of Police, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru, West Godavari District.**

He speaks about the conducted further investigation by him into this case by examining all relevant witnesses and collecting all relevant documents and etc.

13. **Any other witnesses may be produced during the course of conducting departmental enquiry.**

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